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TO : Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

DATE: 1 April 1959

FROM : Chief, Manufacturing Sectors Branch, D/I

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for March 1959.

## 1. Status of Projects:

30.2043 -- Capital Investment in the Producer's Equipment Industry of Communist China - Not withstanding a similar comment last month, the revised draft will be submitted to the Division in April. The China NIE coordination consumed more of Frost's time than had been anticipated. He has made substantial progress on the revision.

34.894 -- The Determination of Cost and Price in Soviet Machine Building - In Division.

32.488 -- Industrial Investment Policy in East Germany - Last sections promised to me late this week.

34.1930 -- Problems in Soviet Machine Building is working hard on improving this report and putting in a substantial amount of overtime. His current support work on the new State
Committee on Automation and machine building plus contributions to the Soviet NIE on Science and Technology seriously cut into his available research time in March. In addition, asked for a summary statement on automation. Under the original terms of reference I/MS has no responsibility for a contribution on this subject.

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30.1535 -- Investment in Light Industry in Communist China I have gone over this project, section by section, and returned it to for revision. All the research is completed, but getting the project better organized will take a few week's work.

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34.2743 -- Comparability of Consumer Goods Output in the US and USSR - This project is coming along on schedule. has completed the US-USSR comparisons for cotton textiles and wool. This should prove to be a rather interesting little project.

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34.2375 -- Evidence of Soviet Bloc Integration in the Production of Capital Equipment - With the completion of the 25X6A trade report Mr. Gurski is getting back to full time work on his project. It is hoped that there will be no further interruptions.

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34.2485 -- Communist China Trade in Machinery and Equipment - Project has been approved by Ch/E and work has started.

2. Status of Support Projects:

30.1830 -- NIS 13A, East Germany - Completed.

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30.1826 -- NIS 26 - USSR - Section 64 - I am satisfied with the quality of work on this project but am not satisfied with the amount of work that is being completed. He will need considerable help and cooperation in order to get the project completed within a reasonable period of the deadline. The late arrival of several contributions, plus one or two which still have not been received further complicates the problem.

10.1803 -- Communist China through 1963 - Completed.

40.2464 -- German Interzonal Trade - Completed.

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3. Changes in Estimates: None

4. Relationships with other components:

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responsibilities on Communist China.

5. Future Plans: No comment.

6. Other Plans: No comment.

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